Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Bobby Bowden is a leader of men, a devout Christian, and a man who used his coaching profession to develop young football players to be great citizens; and,

Whereas, Bobby has received the Children's Champion Award for leadership from the Children's Hunger Fund and the American Football Coaches Association's Amos Alonzo Stagg Award honoring an individual whose service has been outstanding in the advancement of football; and,

Whereas, Bobby received the National Football Foundation's Gold Medal for exhibiting superior qualities of scholarship, citizenship, and leadership. He also received the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award given to the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision head coach whose team excels on the field, in the classroom, and in the community, and many more honors over his coaching career; and,

Whereas, Bobby, as a long-time supporter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, gives an annual award to one college football player for his achievements on the field, in the classroom, and in the community through the National Bobby Bowden Award; and,

Whereas, Bobby, married over 50 years, father of six children and 21 grandchildren, continues to promote development of young people through organizations like Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and,

Whereas, Bobby is one of the most winning major college football coaches ever; and,

Whereas, On January 27, 2012, Bobby Bowden will be honored by the South Dakota Coaches Association for his great ability to motivate coaches and youth to work hard to be good athletes and good citizens:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2012, as

BOBBY BOWDEN DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State